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City of Belmont

CityManager's Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings:

Click here for Council and Commission Agendas

- July 1 Parks & Recreation Meeting
- July 3 4th of July Holiday (City Hall offices closed)
- **July 7 Planning Commission**
- July 14 Council Meeting
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- July 28 Council Meeting Cancelled (Summer Break)
- Aug 4 National Night Out (see below for more info)

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Executive Summary

"My Belmont" Mobile App

The City of Belmont is proud to present to the community a new mobile app! Belmont's new mobile app, called "My Belmont," can be downloaded to your smartphone. So now you can get be in touch with the city from your phone, wherever you go! Please join the effort to continually improve engagement between Belmont residents and City Hall by downloading the "My Belmont" app today!



The "My Belmont" mobile app enables you to:

- Submit non-emergency service requests (pothole, noise complaints, etc.) directly to the City, where it will be instantly routed to the correct person in the appropriate department. This means your service requests will be responded to quickly and efficiently, and you'll be notified the instant they are resolved!
- Also, use the app to browse the City's Website, Calendar, News, and other information.
- Download it today! <u>iPhone App Store</u> | <u>Google Play Store</u> | Or <u>submit your request from your browser, at: www.belmont.gov/311</u> | Also, <u>see this video for more info</u>:



Click here for another Video about the "Public Stuff" mobile app

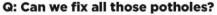
"Your Voice...Your Belmont"

The City continues its public outreach efforts to engage the community in a conversation on local service needs in Belmont. By now, all Belmont residents have received the City's second citywide mailer regarding the ability of the City's budget to address Belmont's local service needs (see below). In addition, a neighborhood coffee meeting was held in the Central neighborhood on June 22nd to keep the community informed and involved in these discussions, and Infrastructure Repair Ad-Hoc Committee Members Ashby and McCune gave a brief presentation in Belmont Heights this week. Do you have an upcoming meeting you'd like us to attend? Please call (650) 595-7408 to schedule a brief presentation. All community members are encouraged to continue contributing feedback on their top priorities for Belmont by taking part in our Community Survey – "Your Voice...Your Belmont", available online at www.belmont.gov/survey.

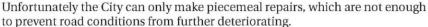
Questions and Answers About Belmont's Local Services

Q: How does the City prioritize 9-1-1 response?

A: Over half of the City's General Fund budget goes to public safety – helping to maintain rapid 9-1-1 response times.



A: Belmont's roads are the worst in the County and rank in the bottom 7% of the entire Bay Area. Many neighborhood streets are deteriorated and riddled with cracks.





A: Many of Belmont's storm drains are over 50 years old, rusted through, and inadequate to deal with major storms and protect water quality. Improving local storm drains will reduce runoff and help prevent associated pollutants from entering local creeks and the Bay.



Q: Can we maintain local parks and sports fields?

A: Not as well as we would like. Keeping local parks and sports fields safe places to play for children is a challenge given the City's resources.

Q: Can these needs be addressed?

A: Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from Belmont. This has left the City with repairs and improvements for our roads, storm drains, parks and more that Belmont's current budget cannot address.



City Budget Update

Dear Neighbor,

On June 9th the Belmont City Council adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2016 that supports local services. However, budget discussions recognized that the City's current revenues cannot address all of Belmont's service needs.



Over the last few months 2,000 residents have provided feedback on their priorities for local services, including:

- Fixing streets and sidewalks
- Repairing storm drains
- ✓ Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Maintaining parks, open space and sports fields

Unfortunately the City's existing resources are not sufficient to address critical community priorities. In fact, there are over \$190 million in needed repairs to roads, storm drains and other infrastructure that have been put off for many years. Given our current resources the City is unable to adequately fund these improvements in the current annual budget.

The magnitude of these needs poses a threat to the City's long-term financial well-being and to the recent progress we've made in stabilizing operations. The \$15.5 million in State takeaways from Belmont over the past 20 years has only made it harder to address local service needs.

We thank the community for your input and are working to develop a fiscally responsible plan to appropriately address these and other local service needs. To learn more, visit the City's website at www.belmont.gov/survey.

Sincerely,

GREG SCOLES Belmont City Manager

NO FIREWORKS

Public Safety

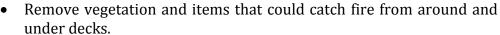
Belmont Fire Department ** Reminder No Fireworks



With the July 4th holiday approaching the Belmont Fire Department wants to remind all residents that it is unlawful for any person to sell, store, possess or discharge any fireworks, including both dangerous and "safe and sane" fireworks. Additionally, with the continuing drought the department wants to remind residents of the

importance of maintaining vegetation around their homes by taking the following actions:

- Remove dead plants, grass and weeds around structures.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.



• Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, swing sets etc...

For more information on this and other information on fire safety please go to http://www.belmont.gov/city-hall/police/belmont-fire-news or call (650) 595-7492.

National Night August 4, 2015



For More Information and how you can participate in National Night Out, contact Belmont Police Officer Joe Lorenzini: ilorenzini@belmont.gov

NNO was started in 1984 and is a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer

place year round. The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.



2015 Belmont Pavement Reconstruction Project-June 26th Update

Upper Notre Dame

The installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter continues this week on upper Notre Dame. The street pavement reconstruction will start mid-July.





Lower Notre Dame

The contractor has started the installation of the sidewalk, curb and gutter. The street pavement reconstruction will start early-August.



Road closure to through traffic on lower Notre Dame in sections between Ralston Avenue to Arbor Avenue from 8am-5pm M-F <u>through</u> early August. This work is part of the Pavement Reconstruction Project. Residents living within closure limits, SamTrans buses, and emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Detour signs and "No Parking" signs are in place.

For more information, please visit the project webpage at http://belmontpavementproject.com

Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Banners 1 down; 1 up
- Manufactured 27 new signs
- Parking lot striping at Twin Pines parking lot in front of the Parks Department.
- Grind out old handicap stalls/update and re-stripe handicap parking stalls
- Restriped 2 Stop legends, 8" guideline, and 2 arrows on Twin Pines Lane at Ralston. Filled in missing 12" crosswalk
- Salvaged 60 lantern-style street lights
- Salvaged 5 steel street light poles
- Conducted spot inspections of contractor installed LED street lighting throughout the city
- Installed new LED "cobra" style street light
- Installed 10 new signs
- Repaired 4 street lights



Streets Division

- Marked out 14 Underground Service Alert tags
- Put down 3 tons of base rock and formed up the valley gutter and rolled curb
- Poured 2.75 yards of concrete for the valley gutter and rolled curb
- Filled 6 potholes on Sunnyslope per service request
- Repaired a damaged gate at the end of Kedith Street per service request
- Dugout 3.01 tons of alligated asphalt in front of 2941 Monte Cresta
- Put down 1 ton of base rock and 2.5 tons of asphalt
- Dug out 11.04 tons of concrete, dirt, and asphalt at the intersection of Middle Road and Camino Vista Court to install a new valley gutter and repair alligated asphalt (*Pictured below*)

**************Traffic Advisory for Ralston Avenue**************

Traffic Advisory for Ralston Avenue- The City of Belmont Streets Maintenance Division will be conducting repairs along <u>Ralston Ave in various locations during the next two</u> weeks. <u>At times there will be lane closures and/or lane shifting</u>. All work will take place Mondays through Thursdays between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.



Storm Division

- Performed twice-weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake roadway, dam, v-ditch, and dock
- Swept 130 curb miles resulting in the collection of 12.33 tons of debris from the roadway
- Inspected and cleaned both Harbor and Ralston Storm Pump Station
- Took monthly piezometer readings at Water Dog Lake Dam
- Trash assessments were conducted by EOA, the engineering consulting firm at 3 designated sites: 1.) El Camino/ Broadway/ Fifth Avenue corridor; 2.) Merry Moppet Lane/ Ralston Avenue/ Alameda corridor; and 3.) Old County Road from O' Neill south to city limits
- Performed on land trash cleanup at two "hot spot" locations: Belmont Creek behind Carlmont Shopping Center and O'Neill Slough off of Shoreway (*Pictured below*)





Sewer Division

- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 10 service calls
- Checked and emptied 8 city garbage cans throughout the city
- Emptied trash receptacles along Water Dog Lake Road
- Jetted (cleaned) 511 feet of sewer main
- Performed video inspections of 3,541 feet of sewer line
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher at Ralston Ranch Sewer Pump Station



SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's California Coastal Clean-Up Day: Belmont Creeks to Bay. The upcoming event will be held on Saturday, September 19th from 9am-noon. Stay tuned for more details on this great event!



California Native Plant Summer Speaker Series Coming To Belmont!

Replace your Lawn with California Native Plants (A talk by Julie

Montanari)

Monday, July 20, 7:00-8:30 pm,
Belmont Library,
1110 Alameda de Las
Plugs, Belmont,
(650) 591-8286



Using Graywater for

California Native Plants, (A talk by Deva Luna)

Monday, Aug 24, 7:00-8:30, Belmont Library 1110 Alameda de Las Pulgas (650) 591-8286

For additional educational talks and landscape education classes, visit the <u>Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency</u> website.

Parks and Recreation

2015 Summer Aquatics

"Welcome the 2015 Summer Aquatics Team to the City of Belmont! These certified lifeguards are providing three sessions (2 weeks each) of swim lesson instruction, and overall lifeguard supervision during the Lap Swim and Recreation Swim times at the Carlmont High School Pool. The 2015 summer aquatics program is being offered from June 22nd – August 7th (M-F, Closed July 3rd).

The City of Belmont leases the Carlmont High School Pool to provide this valuable community service. For more detailed information on the summer aquatics program, visit the following link http://www.belmont.gov/city-hall/parks-and-recreation/activity-guide (see pages 22-23).



Park and Trail Maintenance





Parks maintenance crews cleared brush and vegetation at various sites this week. Trees were pruned at Cipriani Park to allow for safe access. The tree material that was chipped was repurposed as mulch at the Sports Complex. Along the Marsten Trail. maintenance was conducted to cut spring grasses and shrubs encroaching into the pathway. Trees and shrubs were pruned and removed for safe vehicle accessibility on Cliffside Court.

At Barrett Community Center, a new backflow prevention device and irrigation valve was installed on the front lawn. These devices will allow for the most efficient and minimal watering necessary to keep the landscape viable.



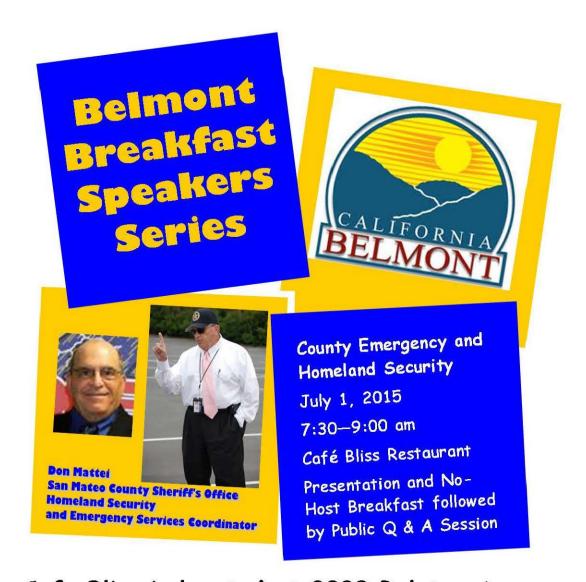


At the Sports Complex, the District 52 Majors Superbowl All-Star tournament has been underway and maintenance staff has been busy preparing the fields for nightly games. San Mateo National prevailed over Pacifica to win the tournament.

A new bench was installed at Twin Pines Park in the Buckeye Picnic Area. The bench is located in a shady, scenic section of the park- take a break, have a seat and enjoy the views!



Other Agency Announcements



Cafe Bliss is located at 2039 Ralston Avenue







Peninsula SunShares Solar. Simple. Together.

We're celebrating the summer solstice and would like to invite you to a workshop that will help residents go solar together.

Saturday, June 20th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm San Carlos Library, 2nd Fl. 610 Elm Street, San Carlos

- Learn about the basics of solar and how you can save on your utility bill for years to come
- Meet with the programs selected solar installers
- Learn more about the discounted pricing and range of financing options
- Check out demonstrations

In the last two months more than 515 residents have signed-up for the Peninsula SunShares program with over 50 contracts in process. Nice work!

Due to overwhelming interest in Peninsula SunShares, we are excited to share that the registration deadline has been extended to July 31, 2015.

What is Peninsula SunShares? Thirteen neighboring cities throughout San Mateo County and Palo Alto have partnered to launch a solar group purchase (bulk-buy) program for homeowners.

Peninsula SunShares pools the power of individual participants to get more competitive pricing from solar companies - with an additional incentive that provides even better savings as more people contract for solar on their homes.

Research shows that people who know somebody with solar, make the choice to go solar themselves 3 times quicker. So, by bringing homeowners together through Peninsula SunShares, you can help the City and neighboring cities throughout San Mateo County build a huge solar community - faster.

Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Let's #putsolaronit this summer!

For more information or to sign-up visit:

www.mygroupenergy.com/peninsula

Participating Partners:

San Mateo County and the cities of Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Palo Alto, Portola Valley, Redwood City and San Carlos





Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

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	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
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10:00 10:00	Italian Chat Spanish Chat	10:00 11:30	Music Appreciation Lunch Program (S)	10:00 10:30	Spanish Class Zumba Gold (R)	11:00 11:30	Beat Arthritis (R) Lunch Program (S)	12:30	BINGO	
	Book Club (S) Beat Arthritis (R) French Chat	12:15 12:30	Canasta Classic Movie Needlecrafts Group	11:30 12:15	German Class Lunch Program (S) New Movie	12:30 1:00	Wii Bowling Bridge Art Group			
2:00	Sit N' Be Fit Video	1:00	Sewing & Quilting Group 9:00 Mindful Meditation	12:30	Hearts 8:45 Strength Training	1:00	Movement & Memory (R)	12		
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10:00	Italian Chat Ukulele Sing Along	11:30	Matter of Balance (S) Lunch Program (S)	10:30	Spanish Class Zumba Gold (R)	11:30	Beat Arthritis (R) Birthday Lunch (S)	10:40 1:00	Mandarin Conversation June Dance with the	
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Belmont Public Library

July 2015

At the Belmont Library
http://www.facebook.com/smclbelmont



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		by the library for Summer Classes	1 * 10:30a Computer Class: Internet for Beginners * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlewrk Grp * 7:00p Pajama Storytime * 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Gr: The Narrow Road to the Deep North	2 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground	3 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST	4 Happy Fourth of July! Library Closed		
Happy Fourth of July! Library Closed	6 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club	7 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 7:00p Lawyers in the Library	8 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlewrk Grp * 7:00p Digeridoo Down Under	9 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: The House of Silk * 6:30p Pub Trivia	1 O * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 3:00p Author Visit with P.W. Singer and August Cole	1 1 * 10:30a Meet Author Sonya Lea * 10:30a Family ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 2:00p Jungle James		
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19 ☀ 3:00pm An Afternoon With Alan Fleishman	20 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 12:00pm Senior Health Talk * 3:30p Lego Club * 7:00p H ₂ O Conservation with CA Native Plants	21 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 4:00 Write Your Favorite Author or Illustrator * 6:30p Paws for Tales	* 10:30a Computer Coach * 6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlewrk Grp * 7:00p Adam Miller Folksinger	23 # 10:30a Toddler ST # 11:00a Imagination Playground	24 * 10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 7:00pm Adult Film: The Commitments	25 * 10:30a Family ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground		
26 * 3:00pm JMW Turner, Painting Set Free: A Docent Presentation	27 ** 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime ** 3:30p Lego Club	28 * 10:30a Musical ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 7:00pm Healthy Grilling: Cooking with Laura Stec	29 *10:30a Computer Coach *4:00p Elephant & Piggie Celebration *6:30p Needles & Hooks Needlewrk Grp *7:00p Pajama Störytime *7:00pm PM Comp Class: Google Drive	30 * 10:30a Toddler ST * 11:00a Imagination Playground	31 **10:30a Pres. ST * 11:15a Russian ST * 11:30 & 1:00p Nature Connects: Insect Diversity	Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages		